

At a meeting of the Cumberland County Board of Supervisors held at 7:00 p.m. on the 12th day of February 2019, at the Cumberland County Circuit Court Room:

Present: Kevin Ingle, District 3, Chairman
Parker Wheeler, District 5, Vice-Chairman
William F. Osl, Jr., District 1
David Meinhard, District 4
Vivian Giles, County Administrator | Attorney
Nicci Edmondston, Assistant County Administrator
JP Duncan, Zoning Administrator

Absent: Lloyd Banks, Jr., District 2

1. Call to Order

The Chairman called the meeting to order.

2. Welcome and Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by the Chairman.

3. Roll Call

County Administrator, Vivian Giles, called the roll.

4. Approval of Agenda

On a motion by Supervisor Osl and carried unanimously, the Board approved the amended Agenda as amended:

Vote:	Mr. Osl – aye	Mr. Banks – absent
	Mr. Ingle – aye	Mr. Meinhard – aye

Mr. Wheeler – aye

5. State and Local Department/Agencies

- a) Dr. Amy Griffin, Superintendent of Cumberland County Public Schools

Dr. Griffin gave the following report to the Board:

- Students are present to help citizens complete the Broadband survey. The survey can be completed on paper, or on the internet at www.wired.virginia.gov.
- 6 High School wrestlers completed the Regional competition, and are now advancing to the State VHSL competition.
- The Elementary School has been named a purple star school, meaning that have done a great job honoring our families of military members.
- School Board meeting dates have changed, and will now be held on the first Thursday of each month. The Chair remains Ginger Sanderson, and the Vice-Chair remains Eureka Tyree.
- February is School Board appreciation month, as well as CTE (Career and Technical Education) Awareness month.
- The Cumberland Bands recently hosted the first AIA Winter Guard Classic Competition at the School complex. This competition brought in 15 groups from around the state.
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- b) VDOT

Mr. Harley Joseph, District Director, provided the following report to the Board:

- Rt. 660, Horsepen Road, was reopened on January 28, 2019
- Rt. 600, River Road, is planned to be reopened in March 2019
- Work on Rt. 647, Brown Road, should begin by the end of this month.

Supervisor Ingle shared a citizen request to make repairs to Route 621, Brook Hill Road. A citizen provided Mr. Joseph with a petition from affected residents on Brook Hill Road.

c) Ms. Barbara Gamage, Cumberland Historical Society

Ms. Gamage provided the Board with an update on the Museum and Visitor's Center. The Historical Society received a \$10,000 donation from the McCrea Family. She also requested that the old bell be rehung on the front of the Courthouse.

d) Ms. Meghan Lewis, Cumberland Public Library

Ms. Lewis reviewed upcoming events at the Library:

- Sweets in the Stacks will be held on March 23, 2019 from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.
- Park Ranger Adventures will begin soon

The Library also has meeting rooms available for small groups.

6. Public Hearing Notices/Set Public Hearings

a) CUP 19-01 Marathon Canopy Install

On a motion by Supervisor Wheeler, and carried unanimously, the Board set a public hearing for CUP 19-01 Marathon Canopy Install for February 12, 2019:

Vote: Mr. Osl – aye Mr. Banks – absent
Mr. Ingle – aye Mr. Meinhard – aye
Mr. Wheeler – aye

b) CA 18-07 Communications, Antennae's and Towers

On a motion by Supervisor Wheeler, and carried unanimously, the Board set a public hearing for CA 18-07, Communications Antennae and Towers, for February 12, 2019:

Vote: Mr. Osl – aye Mr. Banks – absent
Mr. Ingle – aye Mr. Meinhard – aye
Mr. Wheeler – aye

7. Public Hearings

a. CUP 19-01 Marathon Canopy Install

The Chairman opened the public hearing. With no citizens signed up to speak, the Chairman then closed the public hearing.

On a motion by Supervisor Wheeler, and carried unanimously, the Board approved CUP 19-01 Marathon Canopy Install:

Vote: Mr. Osl – aye Mr. Banks – absent
Mr. Ingle – aye Mr. Meinhard – aye
Mr. Wheeler – aye

b. CA 18-07 Communications, Antennae and Towers.

The Chairman opened the public hearing. With no citizens signed up to speak, the Chairman then closed the public hearing.

On a motion by Supervisor Osl, and carried unanimously, the Board approved CA 18-07 Communications, Antennae's and Towers:

Vote: Mr. Osl – aye Mr. Banks – absent
Mr. Ingle – aye Mr. Meinhard – aye
Mr. Wheeler – aye

A copy of the approved code amendment is available in the Official Board Folder.

8. County Attorney/County Administrator Report

a) Consent Agenda

- 1) Approval of Bills for January 2019 and February 2019. Approved bills for February 12, 2019 total \$237,149.65. Ratified bills for January 9, 2019 to February 11, 2019 of warrants total \$842,109.88 with check numbers ranging from 79006-79181. Ratified bills consist of \$575,696.80 Accounts Payable and \$266,413.08 Payroll.
- 2) Approval of Minutes – January 8, 2019

On a motion by Supervisor Osl and carried unanimously, the Board approved the consent agenda:

Vote: Mr. Osl – aye Mr. Banks – absent
Mr. Ingle – aye Mr. Meinhard – aye
Mr. Wheeler – aye

b) Review Committee Appointments

On a motion by Supervisor Wheeler, and carried unanimously, the Board approved the Committee Appointments as presented but will be reevaluated next month:

Cumberland County Board of Supervisors		
Calendar Year 2019 Board and Commission Assignments		
Board / Commission	Board Representative	Staff Representative
Events Committee	Mr. Osl	
Landfill Advisory Committee	Mr. Banks	
Civil Rights Committee		
Chief Local Elected Officials (CLEO)	Mr. Meinhard	Ms. Giles
Cobbs Creek Project	Mr. Osl	Mr. Duncan
Community Policy Management	Mr. Osl	Ms. Giles
Crossroads Community Services	Mr. Wheeler	
Planning Commission	Mr. Meinhard	Mr. Duncan
Library Board of Trustees	Mr. Osl	
Emergency Services Committee	Mr. Ingle	
Farmville Area Chamber of Commerce		Ms. Giles
Heartland Authority	Mr. Ingle	Ms. Giles
Economic Development Authority	Mr. Meinhard	Ms. Giles
Leadership Class Steering Committee	Mr. Meinhard	
Local Emergency Planning Committee	Chairman or designee	
Museum Advisory Board	Mr. Meinhard	
Piedmont Court Services	Mr. Wheeler	
Piedmont Regional Jail Board	Mr. Wheeler	Ms. Giles
Piedmont Juvenile Detention Center Board		Ms. Giles
Recycling Task Force	Mr. Ingle	
Resource Conservation & Development	Mr. Osl	Ms. Giles
Sesquicentennial Committee	Mr. Meinhard	
Social Services Board	Mr. Ingle	
Water & Sewer Advisory Board	Mr. Ingle	Mr. Saxtan
Wireless Authority	Mr. Ingle	Mr. Howard

Vote: Mr. Osl – aye Mr. Banks – absent
 Mr. Ingle – aye Mr. Meinhard – aye
 Mr. Wheeler – aye

c) Solid Waste Management Plan amendment

On a motion by Supervisor Osl, and carried by the following vote, the Board approved the Solid Waste Management Plan as amended:

Vote: Mr. Osl – aye Mr. Banks – absent
Mr. Ingle – nay Mr. Meinhard – aye
Mr. Wheeler – aye

A copy of the approved document is available in the Official Board File and can also be found on the County website.

d) CA 19-01 Noise Ordinance amendments update

County Administrator, Vivian Giles, informed the Board that she has prepared a draft document, however, work on the ordinance is still ongoing.

e) Recertification request for STEPS

On a motion by Supervisor Osl, and carried by the following vote, the Board approved the Recertification requested by STEPS to allow them to provide rapid re-housing, prevention, and Shelter Services to the residents of Cumberland:

Vote: Mr. Osl – aye Mr. Banks – absent
Mr. Ingle – aye Mr. Meinhard – aye
Mr. Wheeler – aye

f) Proposed amendment to the Tax Incentive Program

On a motion by Supervisor Wheeler, and carried by the following vote, the Board approved the Tax Incentive Program as amended and presented:

Cumberland County Business Tax Incentives

Growth Area Tax Rebates:

The applicable tax categories available for rebate under this Policy are Cumberland County Machinery and Tools tax, Cumberland County Business and Professional Occupational License tax, and Cumberland County Real Estate Tax. Tax rebate incentives shall only apply to businesses located in Cumberland County's High Intensity and Industrial Growth Areas as delineated on the official 2013 future land use map.

Determination of eligibility:

- Business looking to locate or expand shall request consideration based upon location in the county's Industrial or High Intensity Growth Areas
- Administrator shall recommend approval of application to Industrial Development Authority (IDA)
- Administrator shall determine which tier is applicable, based upon the information provided in the application

Tax Rebate Incentive Tiers:

- Tier # 1 - \$2,500,000 minimum capital investment and 25 jobs
- Tier # 2 - \$500,000 minimum capital investment and 15 jobs
- Tier # 3 - \$50,000 minimum capital investment and 5 jobs
- Tier # 4 - \$25,000 capital investment and 3 jobs

Determination of Tax Abatement Structure:

- Tier #1
 - Category A – company with payroll in excess of \$15/hr or \$30,000/yr avg.
 - 100% rebate at end of 1st through 5th full tax years
 - Category B - company with payroll that is less than above
 - 80% rebate at end of 1st through 5th full tax years
 - Category C – Broadband infrastructure investment – no jobs required
 - 100% rebate at the end of 1st through 5th full tax years of taxes paid on new capital investment of at least \$2,500,000. An additional one year of rebate for each additional \$1,000,000 of investment over \$2,500,000 for a maximum rebate period of ten years.
- Tier #2
 - Category A – company with payroll in excess of \$15/hr or \$30,000/yr avg.
 - 70% rebate at end of 1st full tax year
 - 60% rebate at end of 2nd full tax year
 - 50% rebate at end of 3rd full tax year

- 40% rebate at end of 4th full tax year
- 30% rebate at end of 5th full tax year
- 20% rebate at end of 6th full tax year
- Category B - company with payroll that is less than above
 - 60% rebate at end of 1st and 2nd full tax years
 - 40% rebate at end of 3rd and 4th full tax years
 - 20% rebate at end of 5th full tax year
- Tier #3
 - Category A – company with payroll in excess \$15/hr or \$30,000/yr avg.
 - 60% rebate at end of 1st full tax year
 - 50% rebate at end of 2nd full tax year
 - 40% rebate at end of 3rd full tax year
 - 30% rebate at end of 4th full tax year
 - 20% rebate at end of 5th full tax year
 - Category B - company with payroll that is less than above
 - 50% rebate at end of 1st and 2nd full tax years
 - 30% rebate at end of 3rd and 4th full tax years
 - 20% rebate at end of 5th full tax year
- Tier #4
 - 40% rebate at end of 1st and 2nd full tax years
 - 20% rebate at end of 3rd , 4th , and 5th full tax years

Refund Procedure:

- At the time a Determination of Eligibility is approved, the Cumberland County Commissioner of the Revenue shall be informed in writing and provided with documentation of the level of rebate that shall apply.
- All appropriate taxes shall be assessed and collected by the Cumberland County Commissioner of Revenue at the time they are due and payable.
- Within six months of the date the taxes are paid for one full tax year, a rebate check will be processed and returned to the qualifying company. In no case will the rebate be paid if the company is delinquent in any tax or fee due to Cumberland County.

Fast Track Permitting

Businesses will receive one stop fast track business development assistance, expanded staff assistance in applying for local permits and zoning changes. Requests will receive priority consideration by the responsible local government agency.

Local Assistance

County staff will introduce new industries to the various local banks, schedule initial appointments, and coordinate any other activities needed to ensure a smooth transition.

Temporary Office Space

New companies locating in the county will be given free office space at the community center if available, not to exceed one year.

Fire Prevention Assistance

New or existing businesses can request the county's fire Department to visit their site and assess the fire prevention program. Furthermore, specific fire prevention opportunities will be discussed.

Vote: Mr. Osl – aye Mr. Banks – absent
 Mr. Ingle – aye Mr. Meinhard – aye
 Mr. Wheeler – aye

g) Resolution in recognition of Annie Edmonia Carter

On a motion by Supervisor Wheeler, and carried by the following vote, the Board approved a Resolution in Recognition of Ms. Annie Edmonia Carter:

**RESOLUTION IN RECOGNITION of
ANNIE EDMONIA CARTER**

February 12, 2019

WHEREAS, Annie Edmonia Carter was born on March 3, 1924, the eldest of the thirteen children of James and Charlotte Bolden, later marrying Samuel H. Carter and raising their five children, all in Cumberland County; and

WHEREAS, Annie Edmonia Carter has been a member of Zion Baptist Church for over eighty years, and Mother Carter is recognized there as the oldest female member of the congregation; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Carter has served her church as president of the Missionary Board, president of the Senior Choir, secretary of the Sunday School, secretary of the Pastor's Aide, and secretary of the Mission Board; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Carter has inspired others for over forty years with the Old Ship of Zion gospel singing group, of which she was a founding member, and for a number of years with the Bolden Sisters, another gospel singing group formed by her and her sisters; and

WHEREAS, Annie Edmonia Carter continues to inspire younger generations through her colorful storytelling and her Sunday dinners, which she still cooks every Sunday and shares with her welcomed guests; and

WHEREAS, on March 2, 2019, Mrs. Annie Edmonia Carter will celebrate with family and friends her 95th birthday.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of Cumberland County, Virginia does honor and congratulate Mrs. Annie Edmonia Carter on her 95th birthday and on a life well lived, for her service to her family and church, and for her inspiration to others through her storytelling and good food.

Adopted this 12th day of February, 2019

Vote:	Mr. Osl – aye	Mr. Banks – absent
	Mr. Ingle – aye	Mr. Meinhard – aye
	Mr. Wheeler – aye	

h) CIT Broadband Initiative kick-off

Cumberland County has partnered with the Center for Innovative Technology (CIT) to conduct a citizen survey to better understand its citizens' and business' broadband usage and need. The result of the survey will help the county set its current and future broadband goals. The survey is available in electronic format at <https://www.wired.virginia.gov/broadband/broadband-survey/>. You can obtain paper copies at the county offices, as well as in businesses located throughout the county. The deadline for the survey is March 23, 2019.

9. Finance Director's Report

a) Monthly budget Report

There was no discussion regarding the monthly budget report.

b) Request for Appropriation of grant funds – Cumberland County Public Schools - \$12,122.00

On a motion by Supervisor Ingle, and carried by the following vote, the Board approved an appropriation request for grant funds from Cumberland County Public Schools in the amount of \$12,122.00

Vote:	Mr. Osl – aye	Mr. Banks – absent
	Mr. Ingle – aye	Mr. Meinhard – aye
	Mr. Wheeler – aye	

c) Cartersville Volunteer Rescue Squad contribution

Supervisor Osl stated that the Cartersville Volunteer Rescue Squad has been almost one year without county contribution funds. The money is in the budget and was appropriated, so there is no reason for the funds not to be released to the agency. Supervisor Ingle concurred, and asked that the funds be released.

County Administrator, Vivian Giles, informed the Board that last spring, the licensing of the Cartersville Volunteer Rescue Squad was rolled under the Cumberland Volunteer Rescue Squad, and there were questions as to how the structuring of the EMS services would be managed. Therefore, staff was instructed to withhold payment until

the licensing issues were resolved. Supervisor Osl requested that the check be cut and released. Staff provided a check in the amount of \$18,985 to XXX with Cartersville Rescue Squad, who was in attendance.

10. Planning Director's Report

a) Planning Project Update

There was no discussion regarding this item.

11. Old Business

N/A

12. New Business

Assistant County Administrator of Finance, Nicci Edmondston, informed the Board that an opportunity has presented itself to purchase a vehicle for the County Maintenance Department. The proposed vehicle is a 2015 GMC 2500, with a snow blade and tow package and cost \$37,000. Staff are asking for approval to purchase at no more than \$30,000. Supervisors Osl and Wheeler agreed with the purchase so long as there is money in the current budget; the Board members concurred.

13. Public Comments

Mr. William Bruce asked how long the county has been working with the company that the Board proposed to give a tax break. The County took out a Tobacco grant in June 2018 for one million dollars. Is that company going to get a building, being given the tax incentive? What is the name of the telecommunications company, and who are the Board members, is it an LLC? Mr. Bruce asked what else the county is doing for this company. He states the county is giving them a tax-free industry,

a tax-free building, and the county is taking out a grant for them. What is the county going to get out of it?

Ms. Elizabeth Myers asked why there was a road name change discussed during closed session. She also asked why Supervisor Kevin Ingle voted on CUP 18-11 Timber Creek Farm when he has a conflict of interest since he is listed as a preferred vendor on the Timber Creek website.

Mr. Brian Stanley supports the Cartersville Rescue Squad. Mr. Stanley states that this morning, he had a severe allergic reaction, and it is important to have Cartersville Rescue Squad available.

Mr. Fred Shumaker states that he is also in support of the Cartersville Rescue Squad, as they are very much needed.

Ms. Earlene Canaan, President of the Cartersville Volunteer Rescue Squad, states that the license for the Rescue Squad was put under the county, but the entity remains independent. There are three crews who cover three nights, and have increased daytime coverage. The call numbers can be deceiving, because even when no calls are run, crews are still available.

Mr. Bernie Becker stated that the Cartersville Rescue Squad provides services that the Cumberland Rescue Squad does not such as mutual aid with other localities, social events and

Mr. Brian Butler had signed up to speak, but left before the public comments portion of the agenda.

Mr. Ron Tavernier thanked Cartersville Rescue Squad volunteers. He also stated that he objects to comments made by County Administrator, Vivian Giles, to the General Assembly.

Mr. Jim Carver, a Powhatan resident, stated that the Board has not been transparent, and he still opposes the dump.

Mrs. Christal Schools asked why there were no appendices to the Solid Waste Management Plan (SWMP) provided with the recommended amendment.

14. Supplemental Information

Supervisor Osl clarified that the company referred to, and questioned by William Bruce, is CIT, Center for Innovation Technology. They are not a telecommunication company, and are funded through the Governor's Office. They conduct the survey free of charge for Cumberland County, and are not awarded a tax incentive. There is no facility given to them for conducting the survey. He also thanked the Cartersville Volunteer Rescue Squad for their many years of service.

15. Board Member Comments

Supervisor Ingle states that he doesn't understand the issue with the building on Commerce Road. He also clarified that there is no conflict of interest regarding the Barn at Timber Creek. Supervisor Ingle also thanked the volunteers of the Cartersville Rescue Squad.

Chairman Meinhard thanked those in attendance for coming out to the meeting, and stated that everyone has the right to their opinions and their voice.

16. Additional Information

- a) Treasurer's Report
- b) DMV Report

- c) Monthly Building Inspections Report
- d) 2018 Annual Business License Report
- e) Approved Planning Commission meeting minutes – N/A
- f) Approved EDA meeting minutes – October 16, 2018

17. Adjourn –

On a motion by Supervisor Osl and carried by the following vote, the Board adjourned the meeting until the budget workshop scheduled for Wednesday, February 20, 2019, to be held at 5:00 p.m. in the Board Conference Room:

Vote:	Mr. Osl – aye	Mr. Banks – absent
	Mr. Ingle – aye	Mr. Meinhard – aye
	Mr. Wheeler – aye	

David Meinhard, Chairman

Vivian Giles, County Administrator/County Attorney